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The report gives information on arrests of persons who participated in the October 1956 uprising, on commodity prices and availability, and on the paramilitary organizations Munkasörsegek and MÜHOSZ.

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1. Security police arrests of persons who actively participated in the October uprising have recently been on the increase in Hungary. 25X1
since the uprising 80 to 100 Hungarians have been hanged, 2,000 to 3,000 have been imprisoned, and 12,000 to 13,000 have been interned in camps. 25X1
it was rumored in Budapest that deportations of anti-regime elements would start soon. 25X1

2. No recent changes have occurred in Hungary regarding the availability of food. After the October uprising, the populace feared devaluation or inflation of the forint and bought up most of the luxury items and consumer goods on the market. This fact, plus the idleness of industrial plants, caused serious shortages in most consumer goods. However, there was little rationing except for gasoline, motor oil, and whole milk. Food prices changed very little but consumer goods, such as washing machines, radios, etc. increased 10 to 20 percent. Wages and salaries have increased from 10 to 15 percent since January 1957.

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3. In February and March 1957, the Kadar government started organizing so-called "Workers' Guards" (Munkasörsegek) in all important factories and also in public offices to guard against possible actions of "counterrevolutionary" elements. The MÖHOSZ (Hungarian Voluntary Defense Association), which offered civilians paramilitary and guerilla training, was dissolved during the October uprising [redacted] the organization has not yet renewed its activities.

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